

Madam Speaker, as Judge David Levi leaves the bench to become the dean of Duke University's prestigious law school, I am truly honored to pay tribute to a friend and dedicated public servant. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing David, his wife Nancy and their sons William and Joseph continued success and happiness in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING THE ALFRED E.
ZAMPELLA SCHOOL

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 11, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Alfred E. Zampella School, whose outstanding work has been rewarded with the Heart of Gold Award for the Second Kindest School in New Jersey for the third year in a row.

The Kindness is Contagious program began in New Jersey several years ago as a way to encourage students, teachers, parents, and the community to work together to perform "acts of kindness." At the beginning of the school year, students are taught about the values of compassion and generosity; they are then given journals to record their individual acts of kindness at home and at school while teachers, administrators, school personnel, and parents recognize and reinforce these acts. By the end of the school year, these important values are integrated into the daily education of students.

The students in the Alfred E. Zampella School—from the Pre-Kindergarten class to the Eighth Grade—have performed 53,926 acts of benevolence, empathy, thoughtfulness, and compassion in the past school year. It is clear by the sheer number of acts, that kindness is truly contagious in this school. These individual acts ranged from picking up a piece of trash in the cafeteria to a school-wide penny collection to raise money for leukemia research. The students not only learned how to improve their school community but also discovered the valuable life lesson of doing good works for other people—not for the recognition, but because it makes another person's life better.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in commending Principal Sandra Frierson, the staff, and students of the Alfred E. Zampella School for the tens of thousands of acts of kindness they have performed. They are a great credit to our country and its steadfast spirit of generosity and goodwill.

TRIBUTE TO ALICE R. BARHAM

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 11, 2007

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Alice R. Barham, a warm and wonderful person who passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

Her family and friends will memorialize her at a "going home" celebration to be held on

Saturday, June 9, 2007 at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church in Miami, FL.

Mrs. Barham was a mother, grandmother, sister, and nurse. However, more than that, she was one of the most caring people I have ever met. Born on July 17, 1938 to John and Ruth Stephens, of Atlanta, Georgia and christened Alice Ruth.

Alice Barham was one of the most caring people I have ever met, and so it was natural for her to choose a profession in which she could help people in pain and in need of comfort, and in a very personal way. She began her career in nursing at Jackson Memorial Hospital in the Pediatric Nursing Unit in the Skaggs and Woodard building. Later in her career, she became a Public Health Nurse for the Miami Dade County Health Department and worked in Liberty Square and James E. Scott housing projects providing health services to the underserved residents in the community. Alice was also employed at Mt. Sinai Hospital before eventually going to the Miami Dade County Public Schools System as a Public Health Nurse and biology teacher and retiring.

Mrs. Barham had the ability to soothe people who were hurt, calm people who were worried and bring comfort to people who were afflicted. Children were naturally attracted to her, as was she to them. She had a remarkable gift, and she was generous in sharing it so freely with so many people in our community. I could not begin to estimate the number of people whose lives she touched and whose path she made a little easier.

Mrs. Alice Barham was also my dear friend, and a dear friend to my family, and she played a very instrumental role in the lives of my children. I am deeply saddened by her passing, but I am grateful for having had her in my life. My heart goes out to her family and I thank them for sharing this phenomenal woman with us. Indeed, the legacy she leaves behind will live on in the people she helped throughout her career and life.

HONORING THE WORK OF DEBRA
STEINBERG, RECIPIENT OF THE
NATIONAL ETHNIC COALITION OF
ORGANIZATIONS' 2007 ELLIS IS-
LAND MEDAL OF HONOR

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 11, 2007

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debra Brown Steinberg for her reception of the 2007 Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Through its Ellis Island Medals program, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) honors United States Citizens whose life and work show dedication to community service and the preservation of ethnic heritage. Ms. Steinberg joins an elite group of medalists, who represent several industries and come from many different backgrounds.

Debra Steinberg is an accomplished attorney who has devoted time in her professional life to advancing civil rights. Most commendable is her pro bono representation of families of 9/11 victims. Determined to protect the rights of this group in need, Ms. Steinberg assisted in drafting The September 11th Family

Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act, H.R. 1071. I am proud to be an original co-sponsor of this bill. As a founding member of "Project 9/11," a consortium of lawyers formed in October 2001, Ms. Steinberg provided legal services for families of victims of the September 11th attacks, including those seeking citizen status. Collectively, these lawyers devoted many hours of their lives to this fight.

Once again, I offer my heart-felt congratulations to Ms. Steinberg at the time of this venerable distinction, the 2007 Ellis Island Medal of Honor. As representative of the 8th Congressional District of New York, I am honored to have such a distinguished citizen working in my district to improve the lives of all Americans and their families.

STEM CELL RESEARCH
ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support S. 5, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007. This bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support a comprehensive program of embryonic stem cell research.

In my 14 years with the Committee on Science and Technology, I have exhibited a firm and consistent commitment to scientific research. That includes stem cell research.

Nearly all of the scientific societies are strong supporters of this legislation, and many have contacted me urging support of S. 5. The bill supports the development of techniques to derive stem cells from non-embryo sources for the improved understanding of and treatments for diseases.

Mr. Speaker, this bill that will enable critically important, ethical stem cell research. The President vetoed such legislation in the past, and I hope that he will listen to the majority of Americans and support this measure.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL
OWEN A. HEETER OF ROCH-
ESTER, INDIANA

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 11, 2007

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of COL Owen A. Heeter, who faithfully served our country in the United States Air Force for 30 years. Colonel Heeter passed away on February 17, 2007.

Colonel Heeter was born in Athens, Indiana in 1936. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1954 as an accomplished athlete and went on to attend DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. At DePauw, Colonel Heeter played baseball and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. However, it was his experiences in the Reserve Officers Training Corps that led him to a career dedicated to serving our country.

After graduation in 1958, Colonel Heeter joined the United States Air Force, becoming